

## VATERLAND ENDS MAIDEN VOYAGE

Biggest Ocean Liner Is Delayed Three Hours in Docking.

TUG GETS IN THE WAY

Ship Which Had Avoided Ice Peril Halted by Small Boat.

MANY NOTABLES ABOARD

Giantess's Initial Trip Is Made in Five Days Seventeen Hours.

After negotiating valorously 3,177 miles of sea and steering clear of the ice menace off the Banks, the superb Hamburg-American liner Vaterland, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg, was held up more than three hours yesterday afternoon by an impertinent, snub nosed little Lehigh Valley tug audaciously escorting two barges alongside, like a rakish beau, before a crowded river front and the flabbergasted officers of the mightiest of merchantmen.

The tug might have been stowed away and hardly noticed in the yawning hold of the ship, but the assurance of her skipper was immeasurable and unshakable.

The liner arrived in quarantine early and was passed swiftly by Health Officer O'Connell. The revenue cutter Calumet met and cleared her as she elided up through the mist toward her Hoboken berth. Commodore Ruser had announced that he expected to dock at 10 A. M. The tide was a romping ebb and a fifteen mile breeze, blowing directly down the river, made the Commodore cautious in the maneuvering of his 10,000-ton yacht.

The young pilot who had brought the Vaterland up was as ambitious as the Commodore to finish fearlessly a flawless Atlantic center. The ship had gone up the river before the most northerly of the three Hamburg piers and was gradually backing down on the tide to make the slip between the first and second piers when the tug and her barges were seen bucking the tide just ahead of the Vaterland.

Tide Worries Tug.

It looked for a time as if the tug's skipper had taken position with no other object than to get a good view of the giantess as she warped into her berth. He had not counted apparently on the overwhelming force of tide and wind and he soon found himself drifting down on the Vaterland. Whistles of some of the sixteen tugs warned the Lehigh skipper to get out of the way, but he made no move.

Despite his efforts to go ahead he made sternward toward the towering wall of the new liner, and Commodore Ruser was forced to give up his plan to pivot on the northerly end of the first pier and pushed and pulled by the tug fleet, warp into dock. He was compelled to back out of the way of the tug.

Incidentally the Vaterland set the pilots of several ferryboats, who were unaware of the tug incident, wondering why she was obstructing the fairway. The Lackawanna and Erie ferry service was hampered for fifteen minutes or more. Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith, who with Julius P. Meyer, vice-director of the line, was on the bridge, said that when the tug with her tow finally got out of the way the Vaterland had been forced to maneuver out of position to make a quick docking because of the shoals directly under her stern.

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Meyer were of the opinion that a harbor traffic squad might be a good thing to establish for the benefit of big ships docking. Mr. Smith said:

Traffic Regulation Needed.

"The trouble emphasizes again the necessity for the Federal authorities to cooperate with the city authorities in regulating harbor traffic. There is always danger of accident due to autumn river congestion. Also it would be wise to dredge out the shoal running out from the Lackawanna ferry, which has been a menace to ships for long years."

The big ship found herself churning the mud to the surface over the shoal with her huge propellers, and Commodore Ruser, believing in the rule of safety first, worked his signals from the bridge and steered as if the liner were a fabric of glass. He had drifted several blocks down the river and before he cautiously worked back to a position to make a big attempt making the slip again the big railroad tower clock indicated 11:30 and the temperature of the tugboat men of the laboring fleet was at blood heat. More than a thousand persons waiting on the pier for friends or relatives also were in a state of mind. At 1:20 P. M. the great ship was made fast.

Although this is the slack season for traffic westward the Vaterland brought 320 first cabin, 142 second cabin, 315 third cabin and 910 steerage passengers. She made the run from Cherbourg in five days seventeen hours, at an average speed of 23.2 knots. She had fine weather nearly all the way. A warning from the American ice patrol cutter impelled Commodore Ruser to steam a bit below the prescribed lane of the liners to avoid the bare possibility of meeting ice and he thus added a few hours to his trip.

Some Distinguished Passengers.

Among the Vaterland's saloon passengers were Dr. Georg Brandes, the Danish literary critic; Dr. Forster, designer of the ship; his father, who is 82 years old and made his first Atlantic trip in her, bringing a painting by a German artist that will be presented to Felix Adler of the Society for Ethical Culture; Walther Blohm of Blohm & Voess, builders of the ship; Herman Frahm, also of the ship-building firm and inventor of the Frahm anti-rolling tank; Alexander Carlisle, designer of the Titanic; Bernard Killyman, author of "The Tunnel"; Alfred Kern, dramatic and art critic; Paul Rainey, John A. Schleicher, former United States Senator Nelson, Aldrich, Martin Beck, Adolph S. Ochs, George Wood Bacon, Admiral Oscar von Truppel of the German navy, Chief Engineer Emil Goss, Edgar Allan Forbes and Chief Inspector Sachse of the Hamburg-American Line.

Every passenger had only complimentary things to say of the big ship. Dr. Georg Brandes, who said he had been all over her, from stokehold to bridge, said she was a "little world in herself." Dr. Brandes praised the philosophy of Nietzsche. He had this to say of American authors:

"Tos is the greatest American poet, although a little less next to Poe, Thomas Paine, the heretic, Edward Taylor, London as the greatest contemporary author. Next to him I might classify Upton Sinclair and Frank Norris as distinctively American. Emerson is the greatest American thinker. All Danes have a warm spot in their hearts for Longfellow."

Dr. Brandes will lecture at Yale and the University of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Paul Rainey, who had been in Africa sixteen months getting movies of wild animal life, brought back about 5,000 feet of film. He has one film of a lion that

## THE VATERLAND BEING PUSHED INTO HER DOCK



Features of the Vaterland.

Herman Frahm gave some facts about the Vaterland. She is 950 feet over all, 206 feet between perpendiculars, of 100 feet beam and said her turbine engines registered 93,000 horse-power, but can develop 95,000. Finally, he asserted, after they limber up the ship will make more than twenty-four knots from port to port.

What distinguished the Vaterland from the Imperator and all other ships is the wide central alley on the line of the keel that connects one big cabin and hall with another. The designer says that this was made possible by bringing the funnels from the funnels through points between the outer and inner hull and introducing them into the funnels above the boat deck. On the Imperator the funnels, being on the line of the keel, forced the adoption of the old system of having alleyways on either side of the ship only.

Heartiest congratulations on the successful maiden trip of the Vaterland—the greatest as she is the best ship afloat—were given by the company's intelligent direction, its courage and its enterprise. The Vaterland is a veritable palace afloat and her colossal proportions, ample accommodations and superb comforts surpassed only by the sense of safety and security that in every direction impresses the intelligent observer. The last word in shipbuilding is expressed in German, and in every language it spells genius.

NO SICKLES WILL CONTEST.

Executor Disposes of Rumor That General Left an Estate.

Report that a bitter contest was likely over the estate of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles because the old warrior had died wealthy instead of insolvent was denied yesterday by Daniel P. Hays, named as executor of the will. It was said that Mrs. Thomas A. Denham of 555 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, a half-sister of the General, would contest.

"I do not see what in the world there is to make a contest over," said Mr. Hays. "The property left will not pay the second mortgage, much less leave anything for heirs. I was appointed executor of the will, which leaves the estate to his grandchildren, and I read the document yesterday to Mrs. Sickles. I also announced that I was executor of the estate, which gives the widow and son the right to go into court and have an administrator appointed."

"Gen. Sickles left nothing. Such property as he had not sold was mortgaged to the last penny. It would be most unprofitable for any one to begin a contest for nothing."

In his will, which was read on Wednesday at the Sickles residence, 23 Fifth avenue, the General named as his heirs his three grandchildren—Daniel E. Sickles, 10-year-old son of Stanton Sickles, who lives with his mother at 26 Avenue Henri Martin, Paris; Christopher Cranchette Cranchette, 13 years old, and Ida Blanche Cranchette, 11 years old, children of Mrs. Ida Sickles Cranchette, whose husband is connected with the British consular service.

A legacy of \$5,000 was left to Gen. Horatio C. King, and smaller legacies to some of Gen. Sickles's servants.

NEW JERSEY NOTES.

JERSEY CITY.—The free moving picture lecture announced to be given last night by Lewis T. Bryant, chief of the New Jersey Labor Bureau, to show the bureau's work in safeguarding the lives of factory employees, was forbidden by the building superintendent, because Mr. Bryant did not have a fireproof moving picture booth.

PATERSON.—According to the will of John Fowler, who was picked up while wandering in the woods as a wild man, former Sheriff Andrew Merrick receives all of Fowler's property, which is valued at 25 cents.

PATERSON.—Gov. Fielder was in Paterson for a few hours yesterday, and was one of the members of a small party who surprised ex-Mayor John Hinchliffe, it being Mr. Hinchliffe's seventy-fifth birthday.

JERSEY CITY.—Erie commuters who held up a passenger train at Clifton last Saturday and washed the car windows will appear before the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners in Jersey City today to complain about the dirty cars.

MONTCLAIR.—Boy Scouts of Montclair, Orange, Passaic, Rutherford, Bloomfield, Little Falls and Verona will hold a rally here on Saturday afternoon.

## DEPOT AGENT KILLED FIGHTING BURGLAR

Attacked in Station, He Battles With Assailant, Who Uses Poker Before Shooting.

BODY 200 YARDS AWAY

Murderer Believed to Have Escaped From Tappan After Signalling Train.

TAPPAN, N. Y., May 21.—His determination either to capture or cause the arrest of a burglar who had robbed the West Shore Railroad's freight depot here at 2 o'clock this morning led to the murder of Eugene Houghtaling, 22 years old, the night agent and operator. The burglar, after struggling with the agent used his revolver and two of three bullets entered the forehead of his would-be captor.

Houghtaling's body was found on the porch steps of the home of W. T. Forrest, about 200 yards from the depot, indicating that the young man kept up the pursuit of the robber, crying for help as he continued down the road.

The presumption is that Houghtaling was dozing on a bench when the burglar entered and took \$19 from the drawer. The fact that a poker was found near the depot is accepted as proof that the burglar used it in trying to subdue Houghtaling, but failed. There were marks on the dead agent's head. One of the agent's shoes was found near the main road and his sweater near the post office, which is on the east side of the station.

Houghtaling's shouts awakened several neighbors, among them Mr. Forrest, who is connected with the New York Telephone Company in New York, and Mrs. Forrest.

Agent's Body Found.

"When we heard the shouts," said Mrs. Forrest, "my husband arose and went to the window. We heard three shots and then the cries for help ceased. Mr. Forrest saw a big, broad shouldered man run from our house back toward the depot. My husband went downstairs to get a drink of water. A few moments later he told me a man was lying on our porch steps."

Mr. Forrest telephoned to Dr. George A. Lotner of Piermont and Judge Eugene Brower. They responded promptly, coming in their automobiles, and in the meantime Deputy Sheriff Henry Iburg came.

"Mr. Forrest is probably the only person who saw the murderer, but he can give no description of him and could not identify him if he saw him again. One of our neighbors says he heard the young man cry to the burglar, 'Please don't shoot me.'"

The police here soon got in touch with the police of various surrounding towns and armed forces were formed. West Shore detectives were hurried to Tappan from Weehawken and a search of all freight trains was made.

Explosion Halts Train.

It was recalled by one of the men living near the depot that about ten minutes after the discovery of the murder an east-bound freight train was stopped by the explosion of two torpedoes on the tracks. After a hasty examination the crew concluded some one was playing a trick on them, and the train proceeded. It is believed that the burglar used torpedoes to bring about an easy escape.

Eugene Houghtaling had been night operator at the Tappan depot about a year. He came from New Baltimore, Green county, New York, and was the son of Frank Houghtaling, a retired farmer.

West Shore detectives at Dumont arrested several tramps and suspicious looking men, but found nothing to justify holding them.

Marks Start Weekly Luncheons.

Department heads in the Borough President's office are to have luncheon together every Thursday in order to get acquainted and exchange ideas for the city's good. Borough President Marks started the custom yesterday by entertaining his thirty-five bureau chiefs.

## WEARY OF PALE STAGE WOMAN.

Members of Women's National Theatre Club Speak Out.

The women of this country are tired of seeing "pale sisters of a hundred years ago" depicted on the stage and are going to insist upon modern women, real women, incarnations of femininity. Too long have they permitted men playwrights, men managers and men directed actors to stage antiquated specimens of the erstwhile "weaker sex."

This was the decision reached yesterday at the regular meeting of the Women's National Theatre Club in the Hotel Astor, and everybody applauded, including a few men present. From now on, courage, imagination, truth and originality are to be the cardinal stage virtues.

Miss Mary Shaw led the assault on modern methods. She criticized stage advertising, such as "150 laughs in 150 minutes," said people enjoyed something more than laughs, asserted that American actors were becoming discouraged, and said that a girl eighteen years old knows that the stage woman is foolish and unreal.

Gerald Stanley Lee, an author, said what is needed more than anything else is courage, and that playwrights, managers and actors lacked it. He characterized New York audiences as "drop in" audiences, accusing them of having little taste but much idle time. He said that the "boyishness and girlishness" that is so rampant in the world.

DR. ALEXANDER IS MODERATOR.

Presbyterians at Chicago Assembly Elect Former New York Pastor.

Chicago, May 21.—Dr. Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, was unanimously elected moderator of the 126th general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States at the opening session of the assembly here today.

Dr. Alexander was born in New York City in 1867 and was graduated from Princeton University in 1889 and from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1892. He served his first pastorate in Long Branch, N. J., from 1892 to 1896 and afterward became pastor of the Harlem Presbyterian Church in New York. He has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh since 1899.

A special committee on Christian life, dealing with the divorce question, will recommend to the Assembly a campaign of education on marriage and divorce to check what is described as an "alarming situation." Recommendations will include the incorporation in State law of the requirement of a two year residence before application for divorce and a period of at least one year after divorce before the decree shall take effect, and any attempt to evade or violate the marriage or divorce laws by illegal remarriage, such marriage shall be null and void.

The special committee on Union Theological Seminary, New York, will ask for another year to complete its investigations.

THE REV. T. VAN DYKE, PASTOR.

Installed at Spring Street Church Despite Alleged Unorthodoxy.

The Rev. Tertius van Dyke, son of the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, Minister to the Netherlands, was formally installed last night as pastor of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church. His uncle the Rev. Paul van Dyke, the Rev. George Alexander, the Rev. Jesse Forbes and the Rev. Hugh Black conducted the services.

The Rev. Tertius van Dyke and three other young theologians, who were graduated from Union Theological Seminary, were charged a year ago, when about to be received into the New York Presbytery, with having unorthodox views of biblical events. All were received despite the protest of several New York ministers, but the charges reopened the old controversy over the seminary and caused a committee to be appointed by the General Assembly to investigate its ecclesiastical and legal status. This committee will report to the General Assembly in Chicago in a day or two and will probably ask permission to continue its work another year.

At the time the protest was made against young Mr. van Dyke his father, who was formerly pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, upheld his views in a sermon which aroused Presbyterian ministers throughout the country.

Bids for Brooklyn Subway Opened.

The Public Service Commission opened bids yesterday for the contract to lay tracks in the Fourth avenue subway, Brooklyn. The lowest bidder was the Thomas Crummins Contracting Company at \$210,860.

## AMERICAN EXODUS FROM MEXICO OVER; LAST CHARTERED SHIP GOES FOR REFUGEES

Only About 400 Are in Capital and State Department Believes All Who Wished to Leave Have Done So.

By DUDLEY HARMON.

Special Correspondent of THE SUN with Admiral Badger's Fleet.

VERA CRUZ, May 21.—The State Department at Washington evidently thinks that all the Americans in Mexico who want to leave have been taken care of.

Announcement was made today when the Monterey sailed for Puerto Mexico to pick up the 260 Americans who left Mexico city last night that she is the last regularly chartered ship going north on the Atlantic coast. Hereafter as refugees appear each case where free passage is desired will be taken up individually with Washington. Americans now at Vera Cruz were warned of this today, and as the other ships leave other ports similar warning will be given.

United States Consul Canada said today that the total number of Americans transported to the United States has not been compiled yet. There were about 15,000 in the country a year ago and they have been going out from all directions, east, west and north, since that time. Something like 4,000 have been handled through Vera Cruz and about 2,000 through Puerto Mexico. With the 260 who left Mexico city last night not more than 400 now remain at the capital.

There are very few, if any, north to Saltillo, but there are some to the west and south of the capital. There are more Americans in the northern States, in territory held by the Constitutionalists, than in any other part of the country.

Many mining men have gone back to the camps around Chihuahua and to the districts south of Hermosillo and around Cananea.

Twenty-five Americans who arrived from Mexico city today report that the capital is quiet on the surface, but is seething with conspiracy and Huerta's secret service and police are making desperate efforts to prevent reports of plots becoming generally known. All the refugees said that the feeling that something is about to happen is general.

The bugaboo of American invasion is still dangled before the people to keep them stirred up against the Americans and prevent them from thinking too much of Huerta. The State of Oaxaca made an offer of 20,000 soldiers to Huerta. This report was industriously circulated by the authorities, but they forgot to add that the troops were ordered to fight Americans, it being stipulated that they would not fight rebels.

The refugees, who came through without any trouble, said there are plenty of soldiers along the railway line but they have very little ammunition.

Arrangements are being made with Gen. Funston by American interests to resume express service between Mexico city and Vera Cruz. The commander of the United States troops is also considering reestablishing the postal service between the two points. The expressmen have pledged themselves not to carry any arms, ammunition or other supplies.

Admiral Badger has transferred his flag from the Arkansas to the Wyoming.

## LIST OF MISSING AMERICANS GROWS

Badger's Messenger to Maass Disappears—Silliman's Fate Unknown.

VILLA PROMISES INQUIRY

Huerta Administration Shows Uneasiness, but Says Consul Is Safe.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MEXICO CITY, May 21.—This is the tenth day since Vice-Consul John R. Silliman was reported to have been released from prison at Saltillo to be brought to the capital. If any definite information has been received about him since that time it has not been given out. There is no positive word that he ever left Saltillo. It is insisted in official quarters, however, that Mr. Silliman is safe and will arrive in time.

While these representations are made there is no doubt the affair is giving the Administration considerable worry. Senor MacGregor's dismissal from the Foreign Office for sending the telegram commanding the arrest of Mr. Silliman has been spread broadcast.

The Secretary of War, Gen. Blanquet, made the usual announcements of Federal victories today or discounted the victories of the other side.

Gen. Huerta reiterated publicly yesterday his determination not to resign and received an ovation from citizens and soldiers.

The occasion was his review of the volunteer regiment made up of minor employees of the Foreign Office and other Government departments. He was well received and talked to the officers, to whom he declared his intention of remaining to defend his country from foreign invasion and internal enemies.

When this was communicated to the soldiers and the populace they became wildly enthusiastic and cheered him with cries of "Defender," "Protector" and "Savior." The provisional President showed great pleasure at the ovation.

TORONTO, May 21.—George C. Carothers, United States representative with the Constitutionalists, who sent an inquiry to Gen. Villa relative to Consul Silliman, received today a delayed reply promising prompt inquiry. In the meantime it was

hoped Silliman, if alive and not in prison, would find some means of communicating with Mr. Carothers.

Every effort will be made to locate the missing Consul and set him at liberty if it is found that he has been left in prison by the Federals when they evacuated the city.

ANOTHER AMERICAN MISSING.

Messenger From Badger to Maass Not Heard From.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Another American in Mexico was reported missing today. A messenger sent from Admiral Badger to Gen. Maass several days ago when that General was in command of the troops outside of Vera Cruz has not been heard of since.

The Navy Department professed ignorance of the fact that the messenger was sent and the reason for sending him remains a mystery. The only explanation advanced by either Department is that the messenger had taken it upon himself to go on to Mexico city, the explanation being grounded on an unofficial report received by the Spanish Ambassador here of the messenger's arrival in the Mexican capital.

Private Parks and Vice-Consul Silliman are still missing and no further steps have been taken toward finding them. The State Department is endeavoring to find some man suitable for making a personal investigation into the disappearance of Silliman.

It was reported today that the British Consul at Saltillo had been in communication with other British officers for several days in state of the battle which is going on there. Under these circumstances the hopes of Silliman's safety are waning.

More Good Reading in JUNE: Two very notable Poems

How Spring Comes to Shasta Jim

By HENRY VAN DYKE

Old Fairingdown

By OLIVE TILFORD DARGAN

Everyone of these Short Stories will be talked about and remembered

The Dominant Strain

By KATHARINE FULLERTON GEROLD.

The story of a rich and proud father and a son with different views of life.

Every Move

By GORDON ARTHUR SMITH. Illustrated by Gustave. A young American's exciting adventure in Paris. A story that will surprise you.

The Quality of Mercy

By SIMEON STRUNSKY. The story of a college athlete and "Old Man Tillotson," Professor of Greek, and how they saved the track and field championships.

The Lifting of the Burden

By EDITH RICKERT. The story of a great sorrow and a great hope.

The Trick of the Voice

By EDWIN W. MORSE. The story of an old soldier.

Pictures by A.B. Frost

with "Chamois-Hunting in Switzerland," by P. KUHN.

A Patriotic Pilgrimage

By ANNE H. WHARTON. A visit to the ancestral homes of Washington and Franklin. Illustrated.

Upland Pastures

by WALTER PRICHARD EATON. Illustrated by Walter King Stone. Reproduced in colors.

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